

Independent Perspective with Marian Hetherly

Transcript

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Welcome to Independent Perspective, a public affairs presentation of Western New York Independent Living.

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Today, we're welcoming Marian Hetherly, Community Engagement Coordinator for Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service.

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I'm your host, Ernie Churchwell.

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Welcome to the program, Marian.

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Thanks, Ernie.

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It's our pleasure.

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I suspect there are probably some people listening that aren't aware of just what Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service does.

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Could you please remind us

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of how it serves people with disabilities.

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Of course, radio reading is really an amazing community resource for people with reading disabilities.

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And it's the only service of its kind in New York State, west of Albany.

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We're a 24-7 nonprofit radio station that broadcasts readings of some 80 national and local newspapers, magazines, and best-selling books.

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So people who can't read these printed materials can listen to them instead.

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helps keep listeners informed and engaged and thriving right within their communities and with the world around us.

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And you have something very timely, an exciting fundraiser coming up soon.

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What can you tell us about that?

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Oh, we really are excited about this.

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Our second annual meat raffle is our largest fundraiser of the year.

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Just a lot of family-friendly fun for a good cause.

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We hope that everyone is going to join us on Friday.

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November 7th at Main Transit Fire Hall in Williamsville.

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The doors are opening at 6 PM.

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The first spin is at 7 PM and we encourage people to come as early as six so they'll have some time to peruse the dozens of raffle prizes we'll have available to win.

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There's everything from Buffalo Bills collector's items to liquor to toys to gift cards to some of Western York's great cultural attractions and restaurants, and there's also two grand

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prizes to win.

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There's a \$320 Buffalo Bills tailgater package and a \$250 digital air fry oven.

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And you can use that to cook all the meat that you win.

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We're very grateful to the many people and businesses that donated prizes.

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That's wonderful.

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And to save people having to Google it, do you know the street address of the fire hall offhand?

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It's at 6777 Main Street near Transit Road in Williamsville.

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Terrific.

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And I gather there's going to be other activities taking place in the evening.

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What can you tell us about that?

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Sure, of course, you know, the main event is winning packages of meat.

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We have more than a dozen rounds to win enough meat for all your holiday get-togethers.

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So, we're asking people to please bring plenty of dollar bills to play each round.

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Maybe a cooler for your winnings, and you're welcome to bring your own snacks to eat as you play.

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There's also going to be some 50-50 and follow the queen raffles, which will give everybody opportunities to win cash as well.

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Everyone loves cash.

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I just also want to mention that there's plenty of free parking at Main Transit Fire Hall.

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It's on a paratransit route and the hall is accessible.

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We'll have some accessible seating reserved for those who want to sit there as well.

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I'm sure an obvious question for many listeners,

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where can people get tickets and further information?

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Sure.

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We're directing everyone to the Radio Reading website for tickets and information.

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We've set up a website that's specifically for the event.

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And our website is nfradioreading.org

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So included there, you'll click on the link on the homepage and that'll take you right to the event website that has a list of all the raffle prizes that'll be available for you.

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Plus, thank yous to all the donors.

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You'll know where they came from and who to thank for their contributions.

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Tickets are only \$10 presale.

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And for veterans, you know, November 7th is just before Veteran's Day, so we want to recognize all those who served our country, especially because many of them came back home with reading disabilities or have developed reading disabilities after they've grown older.

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Tickets are \$15 at the door.

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You can buy tables of 12 for discounted \$100.

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That's two free admissions.

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So, you might want to take advantage of that.

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Bring your family, bring friends with you, and get two free admissions.

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That admission includes 2 beers, all the soft drinks you can drink, and a U.S.

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flag to wave on Veteran's Day.

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So, besides the website, anyone is welcome to call us at 716-821-5555 for tickets.

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Thanks for being with us, Marian.

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Oh, thank you so much, Ernie.

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Just a quick reminder, meat raffle again

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is Friday, November 7th at Main Transit Fire Hall in Williamsville.

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Doors opening at 6:00 PM.

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Thanks so much for being with us.

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I'll meet you there, Ernie.

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Oh, meet me.

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Okay, thanks so much.

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